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48. A process for preparing a dehydrated composition comprising:
loading internally platelets with a protectorate to produce internally loaded platelets; preventing the internally loaded platelets from activating; cooling the internally loaded platelets to below their freezing point; and lyophilizing the cooled internally loaded platelets.

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49. The process of Claim 48 wherein said preventing comprises placing the internally loaded platelets in a resting state.

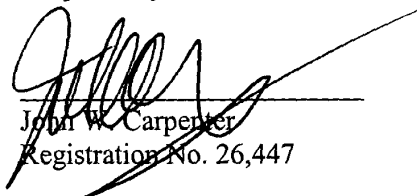
50. The process of Claim 48 wherein said protectorate comprises an oligosaccharide.

51. The process of Claim 46 wherein said placing the platelets in a resting state comprises employing a channel blocking agent.

Remarks

Please enter the subject "Supplemental Preliminary Amendment". The above Claims 46-51 are being added to claim additional features of embodiments of the subject invention. Support for the claimed subject matter may be found on page 11, lines 8-17.

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